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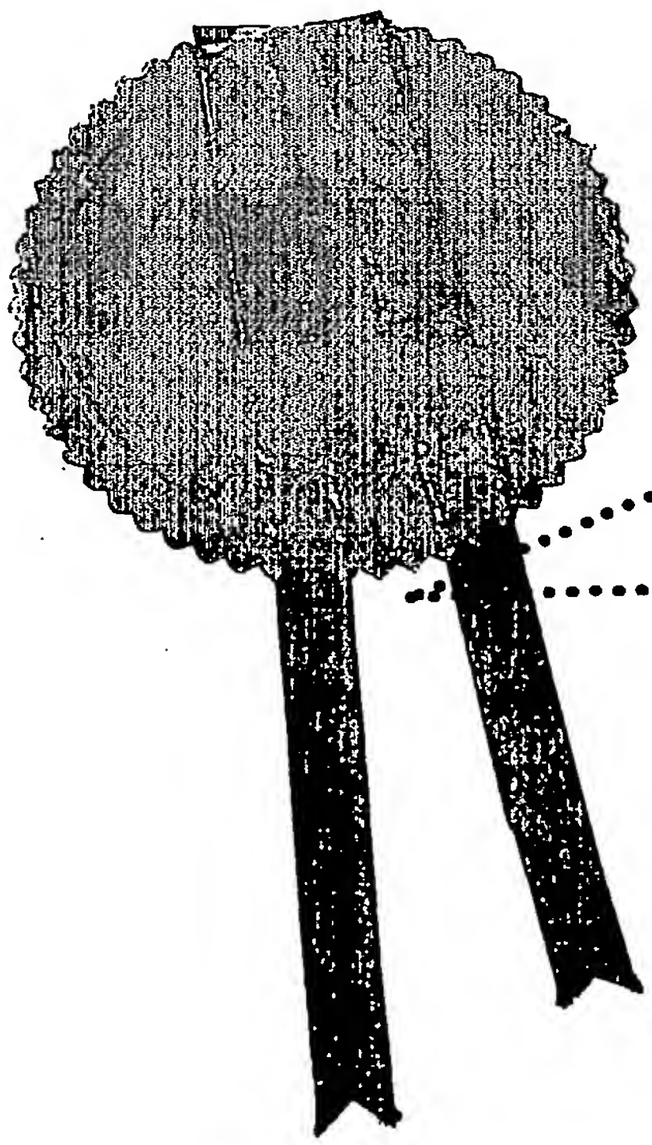

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FORM 1

THE PATENTS ACT, 1970

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PATENT
(See Sections 5(2), 7, 54 and 135 and Rule 33A)

(1) We, **CADILA HEALTHCARE LIMITED,** a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, of Zydus Tower, Satellite Cross Roads, Ahmedabad 380 015, Gujarat, India

(2) hereby declare –

(a) That we are in possession of an invention titled

'Novel Pharmaceutically Useful Compounds'

(b) That the Provisional Specification relating to this invention is filed with this application;

(c) That there is no lawful ground of objection to the grant of a patent to us.

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(3) Further declare that the true and first inventors for the said invention are ,

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Vidya Bhushan LOHRAY, an Indian citizen, of CADILA HEALTHCARE LIMITED, Zydus Towers, Satellite Cross Roads, Ahmedabad – 380 015, Gujarat, India

(4) We claim priority from the application(s) filed in the following convention country(ies), particulars of which are as follows: **NIL**

(5) That we are the assignees of the true and first inventors,

(6) That our address for service in India is as follows;

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(7) Following declaration was given by the inventors

We, **Braj Bhushan LOHRAY, Vidya Bhushan LOHRAY** both Indian citizens, of CADILA HEALTHCARE LIMITED, Zydus Towers, Satellite Cross Roads, Ahmedabad – 380 015, Gujarat, India,

and the true and first inventors for this invention declare that the applicants herein as my assignees.

Braj Bhushan LOHRAY **Vidya Bhushan LOHRAY**

(8) That to the best of our knowledge, information and belief the facts and matters stated herein are correct and there is no lawful ground of objection to the grant of patent to us on this application.

(9) Following are the attachments with this application:

(a) Provisional specification in triplicate
(b) Statement and Undertaking on FORM 3 in duplicate
(c) Power of Authority
(d) Form 2 in triplicate
(e) Power of Authority
(f) Abstract

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We request that a patent be granted to us on any complete specification filed on this application for the said invention.

Dated this 7th day of JANUARY , 2004.

The Controller of Patents
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for CADILA HEALTHCARE LIMITED
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Form 2

THE PATENTS ACT, 1970
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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION
(Section 10; rule 13)

DUPLICATE

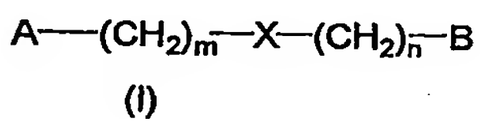
"Novel Pharmaceutically Useful Compounds"

We, **CADILA HEALTHCARE LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, of Zydus Tower, Satellite Cross Road, Ahmedabad 308 015, Gujarat, India

The following specification describes the nature of the invention:

FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to novel antidiabetic, hypolipidaemic and hypocholesterolemic compounds, their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and pharmaceutically acceptable compositions containing them. More particularly, the present invention relates to novel compounds of the general formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, pharmaceutical compositions containing them, use of these compounds in medicine and the intermediates involved in their preparation.



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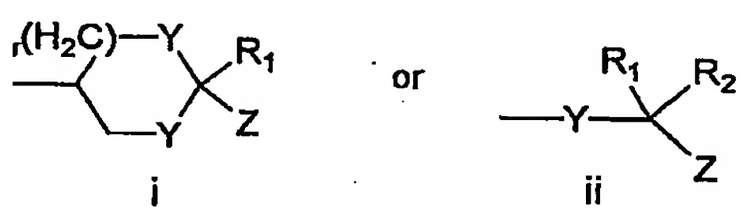

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The present invention also relates to a process for the preparation of the compounds of formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, and pharmaceutical compositions containing them.

The compounds of the general formula (I) lower blood glucose, lower or modulate triglyceride levels and/or cholesterol levels and/or low-density lipoproteins (LDL) and raises the high-density lipoproteins (HDL) plasma levels and hence are useful in combating different medical conditions, where such lowering (and raising) is beneficial. Thus, it could be used in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of obesity, hyperlipidaemia, hypercholesteremia, hypertension, atherosclerotic disease events, vascular restenosis, diabetes and many other related conditions.

The compounds of general formula (I) are useful to prevent or reduce the risk of developing atherosclerosis, which leads to diseases and conditions such as

artereosclerotic cardiovascular diseases, stroke, coronary heart diseases, cerebrovascular diseases, peripheral vessel diseases and related disorders.

These compounds of general formula (I) are useful for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of metabolic disorders loosely defined as Syndrome X. The characteristic features of Syndrome X include initial insulin resistance followed by hyperinsulinemia, dyslipidemia and impaired glucose tolerance. The glucose intolerance can lead to non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM, Type 2 diabetes), which is characterized by hyperglycemia, which if not controlled may lead to diabetic complications or metabolic disorders caused by insulin resistance. Diabetes is no longer considered to be associated only with glucose metabolism, but it affects anatomical and physiological parameters, the intensity of which vary depending upon stages/duration and severity of the diabetic state. The compounds of this invention are also useful in prevention, halting or slowing progression or reducing the risk of the above mentioned disorders along with the resulting secondary diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, like arteriosclerosis, atherosclerosis; diabetic retinopathy, diabetic neuropathy and renal disease including diabetic nephropathy, glomerulonephritis, glomerular sclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis and end stage renal diseases, like microalbuminuria and albuminuria, which may be result of hyperglycemia or hyperinsulinemia.

The compounds of the present invention can be useful as aldose reductase inhibitors; for improving cognitive functions in dementia, and in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of disorders such as psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), cancer, osteoporosis, leptin resistance, inflammation and inflammatory bowel diseases, xanthoma, pancreatitis, myotonic dystrophy, endothelial cell dysfunction and hyperlipidemia.

The compounds of the present invention are useful in the treatment of the diseases mentioned herein, alone or in combination with one or more hypoglycemic, antihyperglycemic, hypolipidaemic, hypolipoproteinemic agents, antioxidants, antihypertensives, such as HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, fibrate, statins, glitazones, sulfonyl ureas, insulin, α-glycosidase inhibitors, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, cholestipol or probucol, and the like.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Hyperlipidaemia has been recognized as the major risk factor in causing cardiovascular diseases due to atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis and other such peripheral vascular diseases affect the quality of life of a large population in the world. The therapy aims to lower the elevated plasma LDL cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein and plasma triglycerides in order to prevent or reduce the risk of occurrence of cardiovascular diseases. The detailed etiology of atherosclerosis and coronary artery diseases is discussed by Ross and Glomset [New Engl. J. Med., 295, 369-377 (1976)]. Plasma cholesterol is generally found esterified with various serum lipoproteins and numerous studies have suggested an inverse relationship between serum HDL-cholesterol level and risk for occurrence of cardiovascular disease. Many studies have suggested an increased risk of coronary artery diseases (CAD) due to elevated LDL and VLDL-cholesterol levels [Stampfer *et al.*, *N. Engl. J. Med.*, 325, 373-381(1991)]. The other studies illustrate protective effects of HDL against progression of atherosclerosis. Thus, HDL has become a crucial factor in treating diseases with increased levels of cholesterol [Miller *et. al.*, *Br. Med. J.* 282, 1741-1744(1981); Picardo *et al.*, *Arteriosclerosis*, 6, 434-441 (1986); Macikinnon et *al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 261, 2548-2552 (1986)].

Diabetes is associated with a number of complications and also affect a large population. This disease is usually associated with other diseases such as obesity, hyperlipidemia, hypertension and angina. It is well established that improper treatment can aggravate impaired glucose tolerance and insulin resistance, thereby leading to frank diabetes. Further, patients with insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes often have raised triglycerides and low HDL-cholesterol concentrations and therefore, have greater risk of cardiovascular diseases. The present therapy for these diseases includes sulfonylureas and biguanides along with insulin. This type of drug therapy may lead to mild to severe hypoglycemia, which may lead to coma or in some cases may lead to death, as a result of unsatisfactory glycaemic control by these drugs. Recent addition of drugs in the treatment of diabetes are the thiazolidinediones, drugs having insulin-sensitizing action. Thiazolidinediones like troglitazone, rosiglitazone and pioglitazone are prescribed alone or in combination with other anti-diabetic agents.

These are useful in treating diabetes, lipid metabolism but are suspected to have tumor-inducing potential and cause hepatic dysfunction, which may lead to liver failure. Further, serious undesirable side-effects have occurred in animal and/or human studies which include cardiac hypertrophy, hema dilution and liver toxicity in a few glitazones progressing to advanced human trials. The drawback is considered to be idiosyncratic. Presently, there is a need for a safe and an effective drug, to treat insulin resistance, diabetes and hyperlipidemia.[*Exp. Clin. Endocrinol. Diabetes*: 109(4), S548-9 (2001)]

Obesity is another major health problem being associated with increased morbidity and mortality. It is a metabolic disorder, in which excess of fat is accumulated in the body. Although, its etiology is unclear, the general feature includes excess of calorie intake than it is consumed. Various therapies such as dieting, exercise, appetite suppression, inhibition of fat absorption etc. have been used to combat obesity. However, more efficient therapies to treat this abnormality is essential as obesity is closely related to several diseases such as coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes, gout, osteoarthritis, hyperlipidaemia and reduced fertility. It also leads to social and psychological problems [*Nature Reviews: Drug Discovery*: 1(4), 276-86 (2002)].

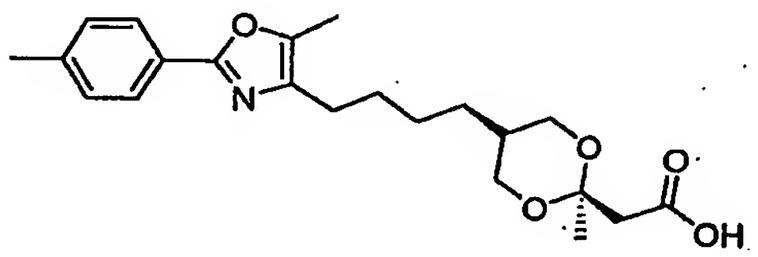
Peroxisome Proliferator Activated Receptor (PPAR) is a member of the steroid/ retinoid/ thyroid hormone receptor family. PPARα, PPARγ and PPARδ have been identified as subtypes of PPARs. Extensive reviews regarding PPAR, their role in different diseased conditions are widely published [*Endocrine Reviews*, 20(5), 649-688 (1999); *J. Medicinal Chemistry*, 43(4), 58-550 (2000); *Cell*, 55, 932-943 (1999); *Nature*, 405, 421-424 (2000); *Trends in Pharmacological Sci.*, 469-473 (2000)]. PPARγ activation has been found to play a central role in initiating and regulating adipocyte differentiation [Endocrinology 135, 798-800, (1994)] and energy homeostasis, [*Cell*, 83, 803-812 (1995); *Cell*, 99, 239-242 (1999)]. PPARγ agonists would stimulate the terminal differentiation of adipocyte precursors and cause morphological and molecular changes characteristic of a more differentiated, less malignant state. During adipocyte differentiation, several highly specialized proteins are induced, which are being involved in lipid storage and metabolism. It is accepted that PPARγ activation leads to expression of CAP gene [*Cell Biology*, 95, 14751-14756, (1998)], however, the exact link from

PPARγ activation to changes in glucose metabolism and decrease in insulin resistance in muscle has not been clear. PPARα is involved in stimulating β-oxidation of fatty acids [*Trends Endocrine. Metabolism*, 4, 291-296 (1993)] resulting in plasma circulating free fatty acid reduction [*Current Biol.*, 5, 618-621 (1995)]. Recently, role of PPARγ activation in the terminal differentiation of adipocyte precursors has been implicated in the treatment of cancer. [*Cell*, 79, 1147-1156 (1994); *Cell*, 377-389 (1996); *Molecular Cell*, 465-470 (1998); *Carcinogenesis*, 1949-1953 (1998); *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, 94, 237-241 (1997); *Cancer Research*, 58, 3344-3352 (1998)]. Since PPARγ is expressed in certain cells consistently, PPARγ agonists would lead to nontoxic chemotherapy. There is growing evidence that PPAR agonists may also influence the cardiovascular system through PPAR receptors as well as directly by modulating vessel wall function [*Med. Res. Rev.*, 20 (5), 350-366 (2000)].

PPAR α agonists have been found useful in the treatment of obesity (WO 97/36579). Dual PPAR α and γ agonists have been suggested to be useful for Syndrome X (WO 97/25042). PPAR γ agonists and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors have exhibited synergism and indicated the usefulness of the combination in the treatment of atherosclerosis and xanthoma (EP 0753 298).

Leptin is a protein when bound to leptin receptors is involved in sending satiety signal to the hypothalamus. Leptin resistance would therefore lead to excess food in-take, reduced energy expenditure, obesity, impaired glucose tolerance and diabetes [*Science*, 269, 543-46(1995)]. It has been reported that insulin sensitizers lower plasma leptin concentration [*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*. 93, 5793-5796 (1996): WO 98/02159)].

Novel heterocyclic compounds which are selective PPAR α agonists have been reported in US 2003/0166697 A1, which is incorporated herein as reference. Representative compounds have the following structure:



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However, these compounds are yet to reach the market and so there therefore remains the need to develop newer medicines which are better and cost effective, are of better or comparable efficacy with the present treatment regimes, has lesser side effects and requires a lower dosage regime

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

The objective of this invention is to develop novel compounds represented by the general formula (I) used as hypocholesterolemic, hypolipidaemic, hypolipoproteinemic, anti-obesity and antihyperglycemic agents which may have additional body weight lowering effect and beneficial effect in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases caused by hyperlipidaemia, diseases classified under syndrome X and atherosclerosis.

OBJECTIVES OF THE INVENTION

The main objective of the present invention is to provide novel compounds represented by the general formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts; their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, and pharmaceutical compositions containing them or their mixtures thereof.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide novel compounds represented by the general formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, and pharmaceutical compositions containing them or their mixtures thereof having enhanced activities, without toxic effects or with reduced toxic effect.

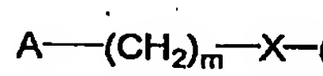
Yet another objective of this invention is to provide a process for the preparation of novel compounds represented by the general formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates.

Still another objective of the present invention is to provide pharmaceutical compositions containing compounds of the general formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their pharmaceutically acceptable

salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates or their mixtures in combination with suitable carriers, solvents, diluents and other media normally employed in preparing such compositions.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention relates to compounds of the general formula (I),



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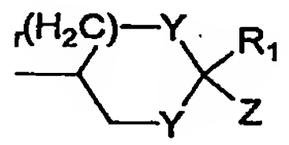

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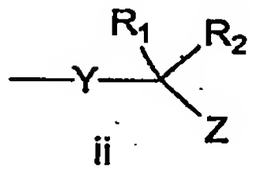

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where 'A' represents

a) substituted or unsubstituted, single or fused aryl, cycloalkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl group;

b) substituted or unsubstituted groups selected from Ar-D-(Ra), Het-D-(Ra), where 'Ar' represents substituted or unsubstituted single or fused aromatic or heteroaromatic group; 'Het' represents substituted or unsubstituted single or fused heterocyclyl group; D represents O or N;

'm' & 'n' may range from 0-9;

'X' represents O, S, -N-(Ra)- or $-CH_2-$;

Ra represents linear or branched, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, acyl or aryl group;

'B' represents the structures (i) or (ii) which may optionally be substituted, wherein 'Y' represents O or S; R_1 & R_2 may be same or different and represents H, linear or branched substituted or unsubstituted alkyl;

r = 0-2;

Z represents

$-(CH_2)_sCOOH$, alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxymethyl, cabamoyl, N-hydroxycarbamoyl, N-alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-dialkylcarbamoyl, -CN, substituted or unsubstituted tetrazoles, alkylcarbonyl groups, s = 0-4;

When 'A' is substituted, suitable substitutions on 'A' may be selected from hydroxyl, oxo, halo, thio, nitro, amino, cyano, formyl, or substituted or unsubstituted groups selected from amidino, guanidino, hydrazino, alkyl, haloalkyl, perhaloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, perhaloalkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, bicycloalkyl, bicycloalkenyl, alkoxy, alkenoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocylyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclylalkyl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, heterocyclyloxy, heterocyclylalkoxy, heterocyclylalkoxyacyl, acyl, acyloxy, acylamino, monosubstituted or disubstituted amino, arylamino, aralkylamino, carboxylic acid and its derivatives such as esters and amides, carbonylamino, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, arylthio, alkylsulfonylamino, alkylsulfonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkyloxycarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxyamino, hydroxyl amino, sulfenyl derivatives, sulfonyl derivatives, sulfonic acid and its derivatives, phosphonic acid and its derivatives;

with the proviso that when 'A' represents substituted heteroaryl or substituted heterocyclic group, the substitutions may be selected from substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched alkyl, thioalkyl, haloalkyl group;

Suitable substitutions on 'B' may be selected from hydroxyl, oxo, halo, thio, nitro, amino, cyano, formyl, or substituted or unsubstituted groups selected from amidino, guanidino, hydrazino, alkyl, haloalkyl, perhaloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, perhaloalkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, bicycloalkyl, bicycloalkenyl, alkoxy, alkenoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocylyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclylalkyl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, heterocyclyloxy, heterocyclylalkoxy, heterocyclylalkoxyacyl, acyl, acyloxy, acylamino, monosubstituted or disubstituted amino, arylamino, aralkylamino, carboxylic acid and its derivatives such as esters and amides, carbonylamino, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, arylthio, alkylsulfonylamino, alkylsulfonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkyloxycarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxyamino, hydroxyl amino, sulfenyl derivatives, sulfonyl derivatives, sulfonic acid and its derivatives, phosphonic acid and its derivatives;

Suitable substitutions on any of the substituents on 'A' & 'B' may be selected from hydroxyl, oxo, halo, thio, nitro, amino, cyano, formyl, or substituted or unsubstituted groups selected from amidino, guanidino, hydrazino, alkyl, haloalkyl, perhaloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, perhaloalkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, bicycloalkyl, bicycloalkenyl, alkoxy, alkenoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocylyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclylalkyl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, heterocyclyloxy, heterocyclylalkoxy, heterocyclylalkoxyacyl, acyl, acyloxy, acylamino, monosubstituted or disubstituted amino, arylamino, aralkylamino, carboxylic acid and its derivatives such as esters and amides, carbonylamino, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, arylthio, alkylsulfonylamino, alkylsulfonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkyloxycarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxyamino, hydroxyl amino, sulfenyl derivatives, sulfonyl derivatives, sulfonic acid and its derivatives, phosphonic acid and its derivatives.

The term "substituted" used alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes suitable substituents on that radical such as substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted aryl, etc, mentioned anywhere in the specification. The suitable substituents include, but are not limited to the following radicals, alone or in combination with other radicals, such as, hydroxyl, oxo, halo, thio, nitro, amino, cyano, formyl, amidino, guanidino, hydrazino, alkyl, haloalkyl, perhaloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, perhaloalkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, bicycloalkyl, bicycloalkenyl, alkoxy, alkenoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, heterocyclyloxy, heterocyclylalkoxy, heterocyclylalkoxyacyl, acyl, acyloxy, acylamino, monosubstituted or disubstituted amino, arylamino, aralkylamino, carboxylic acid and its derivatives such as esters and amides, carbonylamino, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, arylthio, alkylsulfonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxyamino, hydroxyl amino, sulfonyloxy, alkylsulfonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkyloxycarbonylamino sulfenyl derivatives, sulfonyl derivatives, sulfonic acid and its derivatives, phosphonic acid and its derivatives.

The various groups, radicals and substituents used anywhere in the specification are described in the following paragraphs.

The term "alkyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a linear or branched radical containing one to twelve carbons, such as methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, *iso*-propyl, *n*-butyl, *sec*-butyl, *tert*-butyl, amyl, *t*-amyl, *n*-pentyl, *n*-hexyl, *iso*-hexyl, heptyl, octyl and the like.

The term "alkenyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a linear or branched radical containing two to twelve carbons such as vinyl, allyl, 2-butenyl, 3-butenyl, 2-pentenyl, 3-pentenyl, 4-pentenyl, 2-hexenyl, 3-hexenyl, 4-hexenyl, 5-hexenyl, 2-heptenyl, 3-heptenyl, 4-heptenyl, 5-heptenyl, 6-heptenyl and the like. The term "alkenyl" includes dienes and trienes of straight and branched chains.

The term "alkynyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a linear or branched radical containing two to twelve carbons, such as ethynyl, 1-propynyl, 2-propynyl, 1-butynyl, 2-butynyl, 3-butynyl, 1-pentynyl, 2-pentynyl, 3-pentynyl, 4-pentynyl, 1-hexynyl, 3-hexynyl, 4-hexynyl, 5-hexynyl, and the like. The term "alkynyl" includes di- and tri-ynes.

The term "cycloalkyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a radical containing three to seven carbons, such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl and the like.

The term "cycloalkenyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a radical containing three to seven carbons, such as cyclopropenyl, 1-cyclobutenyl, 2-cylobutenyl, 1-cyclopentenyl, 2-cyclopentenyl, 3-cyclopentenyl, 1-cyclohexenyl, 2-cyclohexenyl, 3-cyclohexenyl, 1-cycloheptenyl, cycloheptadienyl, cycloheptatrienyl, and the like.

The term "alkoxy" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an alkyl radical, as defined above, attached directly to an oxygen atom, such as methoxy, ethoxy, *n*-propoxy, *iso*-propoxy, *n*-butoxy, *t*-butoxy, *iso*-butoxy, pentyloxy, hexyloxy, and the like.

The term "alkenoxy" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an alkenyl radical, as defined above, attached to an oxygen atom, such as vinyloxy, allyloxy, butenoxy, pentenoxy, hexenoxy, and the like.

The term "cycloalkoxy" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a cycloalkyl radical as defined above, attached directly to an oxygen atom, such

as cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, cycloheptyloxy and the like.

The term "halo" or "halogen" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, such as "haloalkyl", "perhaloalkyl" etc refers to a fluoro, chloro, bromo or iodo group. The term "haloalkyl" denotes a alkyl radical, as defined above, substituted with one or more halogens; such as perhaloalkyl, more preferably, perfluoro(C_1-C_6)alkyl such as fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, fluoroethyl, difluoroethyl, trifluoroethyl, mono or polyhalo substituted methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl or hexyl groups. The term "haloalkoxy" denotes a haloalkyl, as defined above, directly attached to an oxygen atom, such as fluoromethoxy, chloromethoxy, fluoroethoxy chloroethoxy groups, and the like. The term "perhaloalkoxy" denotes a perhaloalkyl radical, as defined above, directly attached to an oxygen atom, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, and the like.

The term "aryl" or "aromatic" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an aromatic system containing one, two or three rings wherein such rings may be attached together in a pendant manner or may be fused, such as phenyl, naphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indane, biphenyl, and the like. The term 'aralkyl" denotes an alkyl group, as defined above, attached to an aryl, such as benzyl, phenethyl, naphthylmethyl, and the like. The term "aryloxy" denotes an aryl radical, as defined above, attached to an alkoxy group, such as phenoxy, naphthyloxy and the like, which may be substituted. The term "aralkoxy" denotes an arylalkyl moiety, as defined above, such as benzyloxy, phenethyloxy, naphthylmethyloxy, phenylpropyloxy, and the like, which may be substituted.

The term "heterocyclyl" or "heterocyclic" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes saturated, partially saturated and unsaturated ring-shaped radicals, the heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen. Examples of saturated heterocyclic radicals include aziridinyl, azetidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, imidazolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, 2-oxopiperidinyl, 4-oxopiperidinyl, 2-oxopiperazinyl, 3-oxopiperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, 2-oxomorpholinyl, azepinyl, diazepinyl, oxapinyl, thiazepinyl, oxazolidinyl, thiazolidinyl, and the like; examples of partially

saturated heterocyclic radicals include dihydrothiophene, dihydropyran, dihydrofuran, dihydrothiazole, and the like.

The term "heteroaryl" or "heteroaromatic" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes unsaturated 5 to 6 membered heterocyclic radicals containing one or more hetero atoms selected from O, N or S, such as pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, benzopyranyl, benzopyranonyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, indolinyl, indolyl, azaindolyl, azaindolinyl, benzodihydrofuranyl, benzodihydrothienyl, pyrazolopyrimidinyl, pyrazolopyrimidonyl, azaquinazolinyl, azaquinazolinoyl, pyridofuranyl, pyridothienyl, thienopyrimidyl, thienopyrimidonyl, quinolinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazolyl, quinazolinyl, quinazolonyl, pyrimidonyl, pyridazinyl, triazinyl, benzoxazinyl, benzoxazinonyl, benzothiazinyl, benzothiazinonyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzotriazolyl, phthalazynil, naphthylidinyl, purinyl, carbazolyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxazinyl, and the like.

The term "heterocyclylalkyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, represents a heterocyclyl group, as defined above, substituted with an alkyl group of one to twelve carbons, such as pyrrolidinealkyl, piperidinealkyl, morpholinealkyl, thiomorpholinealkyl, oxazolinealkyl, and the like, which may be substituted. The term "heteroaralkyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a heteroaryl group, as defined above, attached to a straight or branched saturated carbon chain containing 1 to 6 carbons, such as (2-furyl)methyl, (3-furyl)methyl, (2-thienyl)methyl, (3-thienyl)methyl, (2-pyridyl)methyl, 1-methyl-1-(2-pyrimidyl)ethyl and the like. The terms "heteroaryloxy", "heteroaralkoxy", "heterocycloxy", "heterocylylalkoxy" denotes heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocylylalkyl groups respectively, as defined above, attached to an oxygen atom.

The term "acyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a radical containing one to eight carbons such as formyl, acetyl, propanoyl, butanoyl, *iso*-butanoyl, pentanoyl, hexanoyl, heptanoyl, benzoyl and the like, which may be substituted.

The term "acyloxy" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a radical acyl, as defined above, directly attached to an oxygen atom, such as acetyloxy, propionyloxy, butanoyloxy, *iso*-butanoyloxy, benzoyloxy and the like.

The term "acylamino" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an acyl group as defined earlier, may be CH_3CONH, C_2H_5CONH, C_3H_7CONH, C_4H_9CONH, C_6H_5CONH and the like, which may be substituted.

The term "mono-substituted amino" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an amino group, substituted with one group selected from (C_1-C_6)alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl or arylalkyl groups. Examples of monoalkylamino group include methylamine, ethylamine, *n*-propylamine, *n*-butylamine, *n*-pentylamine and the like.

The term 'disubstituted amino" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an amino group, substituted with two radicals that may be same or different selected from (C_1-C_6)alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, or arylalkyl groups, such as dimethylamino, methylethylamino, diethylamino, phenylmethyl amino and the like.

The term "arylamino" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an aryl group, as defined above, linked through amino having a free valence bond from the nitrogen atom, such as phenylamino, naphthylamino, N-methyl anilino and the like.

The term "aralkylamino" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an arylalkyl group as defined above linked through amino having a free valence bond from the nitrogen atom e.g. benzylamino, phenethylamino, 3-phenylpropylamino, 1-napthylmethylamino, 2-(1-napthyl)ethylamino and the like.

The term "oxo" or "carbonyl" used herein, either alone (-C=O-) or in combination with other radicals, such as "alkylcarbonyl", denotes a carbonyl radical (–C=O-) substituted with an alkyl radical such as acyl or alkanoyl, as described above.

The term "carboxylic acid" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a –COOH group, and includes derivatives of carboxylic acid such as esters and amides. The term "ester" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes –COO- group, and includes carboxylic acid derivatives, where the ester moieties

are alkoxycarbonyl, such as methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, and the like, which may be substituted; aryloxycarbonyl group such as phenoxycarbonyl, napthyloxycarbonyl, and the like, which may be substituted; aralkoxycarbonyl group such as benzyloxycarbonyl, phenethyloxycarbonyl, napthylmethoxycarbonyl, and the like, which may be substituted; heteroaryloxycarbonyl, heteroaralkoxycarbonyl, wherein the heteroaryl group, is as defined above, which may be substituted; heterocyclyloxycarbonyl, where the heterocyclic group, as defined earlier, which may be substituted.

The term "amide" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, represents an aminocarbonyl radical (H_2N-C=O-), wherein the amino group is mono- or di-substituted or unsubstituted, such as methylamide, dimethylamide, ethylamide, diethylamide, and the like. The term "aminocarbonyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, with other terms such as 'aminocarbonylalkyl", "n-alkylaminocarbonyl", "N-arylaminocarbonyl", "N,N-dialkylaminocarbonyl", "N-alkyl-N-arylaminocarbonyl", "N-alkyl-N-hydroxyaminocarbonyl", and "N-alkyl-N-hydroxyaminocarbonylalkyl", substituted or unsubstituted. The terms "N-alkylaminocabonyl" and "N,N-dialkylaminocarbonyl" denotes aminocarbonyl radicals, as defined above, which have been substituted with one alkyl radical and with two alkyl radicals, respectively. Preferred are "lower alkylaminocarbonyl" having lower alkyl radicals as described above attached to aminocarbonyl radical. The terms "N-arylaminocarbonyl" and "N-alkyl-N-arylaminocarbonyl" denote amiocarbonyl radicals substituted, respectively, with one aryl radical, or one alkyl, and one aryl radical. The term "aminocarbonylalkyl" includes alkyl radicals substituted with aminocarbonyl radicals.

The term "hydroxyalkyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an alkyl group, as defined above, substituted with one or more hydroxy radicals, such as hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, hydroxybutyl, hydroxypentyl, hydroxyhexyl and the like.

The term "aminoalkyl" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an amino ($-NH_2$) moiety attached to an alkyl radical, as defined above, which may be substituted, such as mono- and di-substituted aminoalkyl. The term "alkylamino" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an alkyl radical, as defined

above, attached to an amino group, which may be substituted, such as mono- and di-substituted alkylamino.

The term "alkoxyalkyl" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an alkoxy group, as defined above, attached to an alkyl group, such as methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxyethyl and the like. The term "aryloxyalkyl" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, includes phenoxymethyl, napthyloxymethyl, and the like. The term "aralkoxyalkyl" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, includes $C_6H_5CH_2OCH_2$, $C_6H_5CH_2OCH_2CH_2$, and the like.

The term "alkylthio" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a straight or branched or cyclic monovalent substituent comprising an alkyl group of one to twelve carbon atoms, as defined above, linked through a divalent sulfur atom having a free valence bond from the sulfur atom, such as methylthio, ethylthio, propylthio, butylthio, pentylthio and the like. Examples of cyclic alkylthio are cyclopropylthio, cyclobutylthio, cyclopentylthio, cyclohexylthio and the like, which may be substituted.

The term "thioalkyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an alkyl group, as defined above, attached to a group of formula –SR', where R' represents hydrogen, alkyl or aryl group, e.g. thiomethyl, methylthiomethyl, phenylthiomethyl and the like, which may be substituted.

The term "arylthio' used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an aryl group, as defined above, linked through a divalent sulfur atom, having a free valence bond from the sulfur atom such as phenylthio, napthylthio and the like.

The term "alkoxycarbonylamino" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an alkoxycarbonyl group, as defined above, attached to an amino group, such as methoxycarbonylamino, ethoxycarbonylamino, and the like. The term "aryloxycarbonylamino" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an aryloxycarbonyl group, as defined above, attached to the an amino group, such as C_6H_5OCONH, $C_6H_5OCONCH_3$, $C_6H_5OCONC_2H_5$, $C_6H_4(CH_3O)CONH$, $C_6H_4(OCH_3)OCONH$, and the like. The term "aralkoxycarbonylamino" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an aralkoxycarbonyl group, as

defined above, attached to an amino group $C_6H_5CH_2OCONH$, $C_6H_5CH_2CH_2CH_2OCONH$, $C_6H_5CH_2OCONHCH_3$, $C_6H_5CH_2OCONC_2H_5$, $C_6H_4(CH_3)CH_2OCONH$, $C_6H_4(OCH_3)CH_2OCONH$, and the like.

The term "aminocarbonylamino", "alkylaminocarbonylamino", "dialkylaminocarbonylamino" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a carbonylamino ($-CONH_2$) group, attached to amino(NH_2), alkylamino group or dialkylamino group respectively, where alkyl group is as defined above.

The term "amidino" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a $-C(=NH)-NH_2$ radical. The term "alkylamidino" denotes an alkyl radical, as discussed above, attached to an amidino group.

The tem "hydrazino" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes –NHNH-, suitably substituted with other radicals, such as alkyl hydrazino, where an alkyl group, as defined above is attached to a hydrazino group.

The term "alkoxyamino" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes an alkoxy group, as defined above, attached to an amino group. The term "hydroxyamino" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes –NHOH moiety, and may be substituted.

The term "sulfenyl" or "sulfenyl and its derivatives" used herein, alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes a bivalent group, –SO- or R_xSO, where R_x is substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and the like.

The term "sulfonyl" or "sulfones and its derivatives" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, with other terms such as alkylsulfonyl, denotes divalent radical $-SO_2-$, or R_xSO_2-, where R_x is substituted or unsubstituted groups selected from alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and the like. "Alkylsulfonyl" denotes alkyl radicals, as defined above, attached to a sulfonyl radical, such as methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, propylsulfonyl and the like. The term "arylsulfonyl" used herein, either alone or in combination with other radicals, denotes aryl radicals, as defined above, attached to a sulfonyl radical, such as phenylsulfonyl and the like.

Suitable groups and substituents on the groups may be selected from those described anywhere in the specification.

Scheme 1:

Reacting a compound of formula (II) with a compound of formula (VII) to obtain compound of formula (III) where A, R_1, m & n are as defined earlier and R represents alkyl group. Generally the reaction can be carried out in an appropriate solvent selected from polar solvents such as acetonitrile, DMF, ether solvents such as THF, diethyl ether and the like, halogenated solvents like $CHCl_3$ or DCM and the like, hydrocarbon solvents such as benzene, toluene, n-hexane and the like, ester solvents such as methyl acetate, ethyl acetate and the like or mixtures thereof, in the presence of Lewis acid such as boron trifluoride ethrate complex at –22 to 120 °C. The reaction time may vary from 30 minutes to 24 hours.

The compound of formula (III) is reduced to obtain compounds of formula (Ia) by using suitable reducing agents selected from $LiALH_4$, $NaBH_4$ and the like in suitable solvents selecte from THF, diethyl ether, DMF, DMSO, methanol, ethanol, isopropanol and the like or mixtures thereof at –20 to 120 °C. The reaction time may vary from 30 minutes to 24 hours.

Compound of formula (III) on hydrolysis with suitable reagents/solvents provides corresponding carboxylic acids of formula (Ib). Suitable hydrolyzing solvents may be selected from alcoholic solvents like methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, *t*-butanol and the like or mixtures thereof, and water in the presence of suitable acids or bases at –20 to 100 °C. Suitable acids may be HCl, PTSA and the like; suitable bases may be NaOH, KOH and the like.

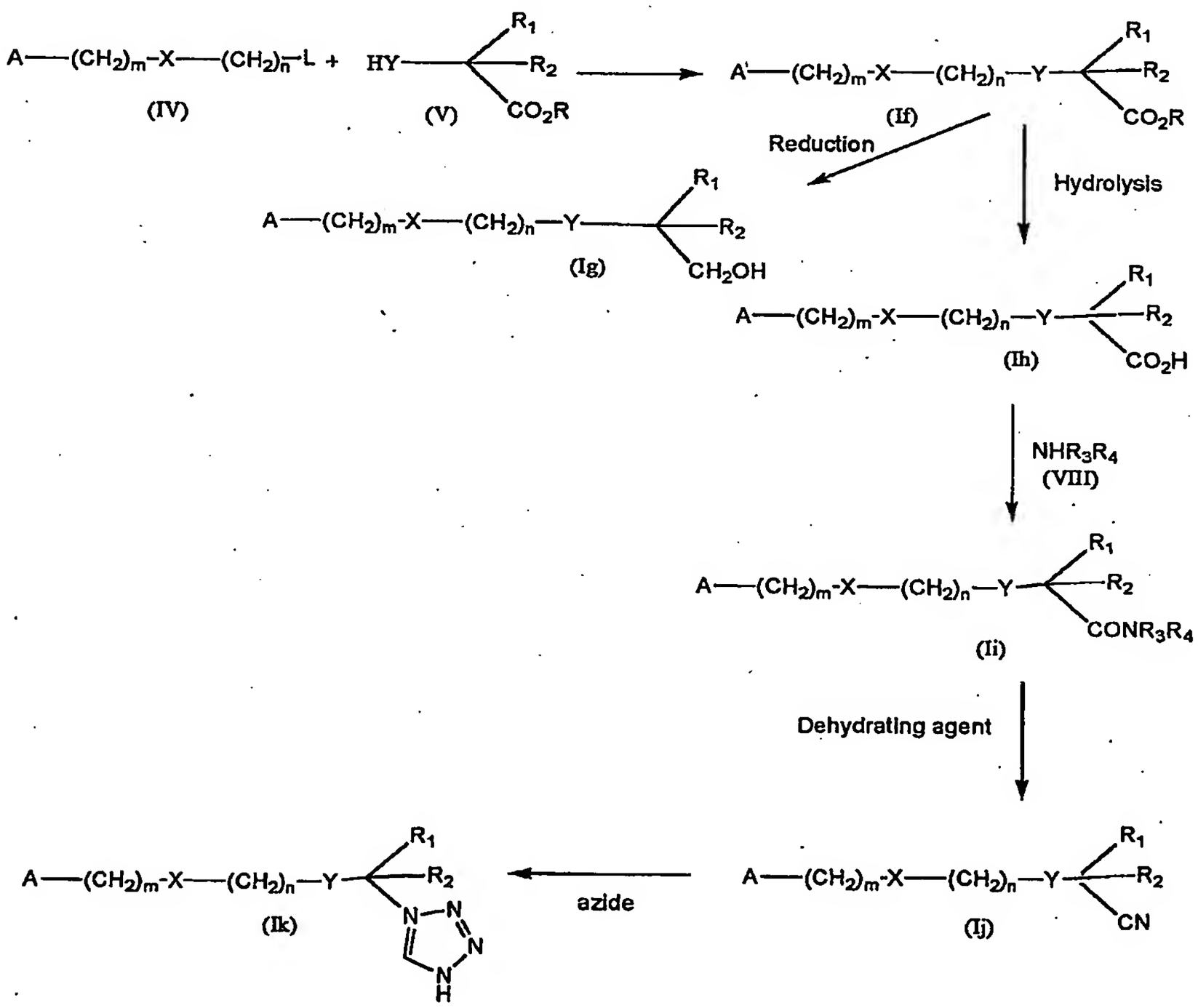
Reactive derivatives (such as acid chloride, acid bromide, mixed acid anhydride and the like) of compound of formula (Ib) when treated with compound of formula (VIII), in presence of solvents like DMF, THF, $CHCl_3$, DCM, benzene, toluene, n-hexane and the like or mixtures thereof, at a temperature ranging from –20 to 120 °C gives further compounds of formula (Ic), where R_3 represents H and R_4 represents H, OH or alkyl; or R_3 and R_4 both represent alkyl groups.

Compound of formula (Ic), when R_3 represents H and R_4 represents H may be dehydrated using suitable dehydrating agents selected from P_2O_5, $SOCl_2$, $(CF_3CO)_2O$, DCC and the like, in an appropriate solvent selected from polar solvents such as acetonitrile, DMF, ether solvents such as THF, diethyl ether and the like, halogenated solvents like $CHCl_3$ or

DCM and the like, hydrocarbon solvents such as benzene, toluene, n-hexane and the like, ester solvents such as methyl acetate, ethyl acetate and the like or mixtures thereof to obtain still further compounds of formula (Id).

Compound of formula (Id) may be converted to further compounds of formula (Ie) by treating (Id) with suitable azides like sodium azide, azide trimethyl silane, trimethyl tin azide and the like in the presence of suitable additives like lithium chloride, ammonium chloride and the lik, in solvents like DMF, THF, DMSO, methanol, ethanol, toluene, benzene, methoxy ethanol, $CHCl_3$, DCM and the like or mixtures thereof at a temperature ranging from 0 – 250 °C.

Scheme 2:



Compound of formula (IV) is reacted with compound of formula (V) where A, R_1, R_2, m & n are as defined earlier & R represents alkyl group and L is a leaving group like halogen, methanesulfonyloxy or toluenesulfonyloxy and the like, in the presence of suitable bases like NaH, Na_2CO_3 and the like at –30 to 120 °C, in an appropriate solvent selected from polar solvents such as acetonitrile, DMF, ether solvents such as THF, diethyl ether and the like, halogenated solvents like $CHCl_3$ or DCM and the like, hydrocarbon solvents such as benzene, toluene, n-hexane and the like, ester solvents such as methyl acetate, ethyl acetate and the like or mixtures thereof to obtain compound of formula (If).

The compound of formula (If) is reduced to obtain compounds of formula (Ig) by using suitable reducing agents selected from $LiALH_4$, $NaBH_4$ and the like in suitable solvents selecte from THF, diethyl ether, DMF, DMSO, methanol, ethanol, isopropanol and the like or mixtures thereof at –20 to 120 °C. The reaction time may vary from 30 minutes to 24 hours.

Compound of formula (If) on hydrolysis with suitable reagents/solvents provides corresponding carboxylic acids of formula (Ih). Suitable hydrolyzing solvents may be selected from alcoholic solvents like methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, *t*-butanol and the like or mixtures thereof, and water in the presence of suitable acids or bases at –20 to 100 °C. Suitable acids may be HCl, PTSA and the like; suitable bases may be NaOH, KOH and the like.

Reactive derivatives (such as acid chloride, acid bromide, mixed acid anhydride and the like) of compound of formula (Ih) when treated with compound of formula (VIII), in presence of solvents like DMF, THF, $CHCl_3$, DCM, benzene, toluene, n-hexane and the like or mixtures thereof, at a temperature ranging from –20 to 120 °C gives further compounds of formula (Ii), where R_3 represents H and R_4 represents H, OH or alkyl; or R_3 and R_4 both represent alkyl groups.

Compound of formula (Ii), when R_3 represents H and R_4 represents H may be dehydrated using suitable dehydrating agents selected from P_2O_5, $SOCl_2$, $(CF_3CO)_2O$, DCC and the like, in an appropriate solvent selected from polar solvents such as acetonitrile, DMF, ether solvents such as THF, diethyl ether and the like, halogenated solvents like $CHCl_3$ or DCM and the like, hydrocarbon solvents such as benzene, toluene, n-hexane and the like,

ester solvents such as methyl acetate, ethyl acetate and the like or mixtures thereof to obtain still further compounds of formula (Ij).

Compound of formula (Ij) may be converted to further compounds of formula (Ik) by treating (Ik) with suitable azides like sodium azide, azide trimethyl silane, trimethyl tin azide and the like in the presence of suitable additives like lithium chloride, ammonium chloride and the lik, in solvents like DMF, THF, DMSO, methanol, ethanol, toluene, benzene, methoxy ethanol, $CHCl_3$, DCM and the like or mixtures thereof at a temperature ranging from 0 – 250 °C.

The compounds (I) of the present invention may have asymmetric centers and may occur either as racemates or racemic mixtures as well as individual stereoisomers, including optical isomers, being included in the present invention Mixture of stereoisomers may be resolved by conventional methods such as microbial resolution, resolving the diastereomeric salts formed with chiral acids or chiral bases. Chiral acids may be tartaric acid, mandelic acid, lactic acid, camphorsulfonic acid, amino acids and the like. Chiral bases may be cinchona alkaloids, (+) or (-) brucine, α-methyl benzylamine, (+) or (-) phenyl glycinol, ephedrine, amino sugars such as glucosamines or a basic amino acid such as lysine, arginine and the like.

The compounds (I) of the present invention may have asymmetric centers and may occur either as racemates or racemic mixtures as well as individual diastereomers of any of the possible isomers, including optical isomers, being included in the present invention These can be isolated using conventional techniques known to persons skilled in the art (Jaques et al. "Enantiomers, Racemates and Resolution", Wiley Interscience, 1981; R. A. Sheldon, in "Chirotechnology", Marcel Dekker, Inc. NY, Basel, 1993, 173-204 and references therein; A. N. Collins, G. N. Sheldrack and J Crosby, in "Chirality in Industry II", John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 1997, 81-98 and references therein; E. L. Eliel and S. H. Wilen, in "Stereochemistry of Organic Compound", John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 1999, 297-464 and references therein).

It will be appreciated that in any of the above mentioned reactions any reactive group in the substrate molecule may be protected, according to conventional chemical practice. Suitable protecting groups in any of the above mentioned reactions are those used

conventionally in the art. The methods of formation and removal in such protecting groups are those conventional methods appropriate to the molecule being protected. T. W. Greene and P. G. M. Wuts "Protective groups in Organic Synthesis", John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 1999, 3rd Ed., 201-245 along with references therein.

It will be appreciated that when substituents have different sites where they can be attached, such differently attached substituents are also included in the present invention.

"Pharmaceutically acceptable salt", where such salts are possible, includes both pharmaceutically acceptable acid and base addition salts. The pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salts forming a part of this invention may be prepared by treating suitable compounds of the invention with 1-6 equivalents of a base such as sodium hydride, sodium methoxide, sodium ethoxide, sodium hydroxide, potassium tert-butoxide, calcium hydroxide, calcium acetate, calcium chloride, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium chloride, magnesium acetate, magnesium alkoxide and the like. Solvents such as water, acetone, ether, THF, methanol, ethanol, t-butanol, 2-butanone, dioxane, propanol, butanol, isopropanol, di*iso*propyl ether, *tert*-butyl ether or mixtures thereof may be used. Organic bases such as lysine, arginine, methyl benzylamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, tromethamine, choline, guanidine and their derivatives may be used. Acid addition salts, wherever applicable may be prepared by treatment with acids such as tartaric acid, mandelic acid, fumaric acid, malic acid, lactic acid, maleic acid, salicylic acid, citric acid, ascorbic acid, benzene sulfonic acid, p-toluene sulfonic acid, hydroxynaphthoic acid, methane sulfonic acid, acetic acid, benzoic acid, succinic acid, palmitic acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid and the like in solvents such as water, alcohols, ethers, ethyl acetate, dioxane, THF, acetonitrile, DMF or a lower alkyl ketone such as acetone, or mixtures thereof.

Another aspect of the present invention comprises a pharmaceutical composition, containing at least one of the compounds of the general formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates thereof as an active ingredient, together with pharmaceutically employed carriers diluents and the like.

Pharmaceutical compositions containing a compound of the present invention may be prepared by conventional techniques, e.g. as described in Remington: the Science and

Practice of Pharmacy, 19th Ed., 1995. The compositions may be in the conventional forms, such as capsules, tablets, powders, solutions, suspensions, syrups, aerosols or topical applications. They may contain suitable solid or liquid carriers or in suitable sterile media to form injectable solutions or suspensions. The compositions may contain 0.5 to 20 %, preferably 0.5 to 10 % by weight of the active compound, the remaining being pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, diluents, solvents and the like.

Typical compositions containing a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, associated with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipients which may be a carrier or a diluent or be diluted by a carrier, or enclosed within a carrier which can be in the form of a capsule, sachet, paper or other container. When the carrier serves as a diluent, it may be a solid, semi-solid, or liquid material, which acts as a vehicle, excipients or medium for the active compound. The active compound can be absorbed on a granular solid container for example in a sachet. Some of suitable carriers are water, salt solutions, alcohols, polyethylene glycols, polyhydroxyethoxylated castor oil, peanut oil, olive oil, gelatin, lactose, terra alba, sucrose, cyclodextrin, amylose, magnesium sterate, talc, gelatin, agar, pectin, acacia, stearic acid or lower alkyl ethers of cellulose, silicic acid, fatty acids, fatty acid amines, fatty acids monoglycerides and diglycerides, pentaerythritol fatty acids esters, polyoxyethylene, hydroxymethylcellulose and polyvinylpyrrolidone. Similarly, the carrier or diluent may include any sustained release material known in the art, such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate, alone or mixed with a wax. The formulations may also include wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, preservatives, sweetening agents or flavoring agents. The formulations of the invention may be formulated so as to provide quick, sustained, or delayed release of the active ingredient after administration to the patient by employing procedures well known in the art.

The pharmaceutical compositions can be sterilized and mixed, if desired, with auxiliary agents, emulsifiers, buffers and/or coloring substances and the like, which do not deleteriously react with the active compounds.

The route of administration may be any route, which effectively transports the active drug to the appropriate or desired site of action effectively, such as oral, nasal,

transdermal, pulmonary or parental e.g. rectal, depot, subcutaneous, intravenous, intraurethral, intramuscular, intranasal, ophthalmic solution or an ointment, preferably through oral route.

If a solid carrier is used for oral administration, the preparation may be tabletted, placed in a hard gelatin capsule in powder or pellet form or it can be in the form of a troche or lozenge. If a liquid carrier is used, the preparation may be in the form of a syrup, emulsion, soft gelatin capsule or sterile injectable liquid such as an aqueous or non-aqueous liquid suspension or solution.

For nasal administration, the preparation may contain a compound of formula (I) dissolved or suspended in a liquid carrier, in particular an aqueous carrier, for aerosol application. The carrier may contain additives such as solubilizing agent, e.g. propylene glycol, surfactants, absorption enhancers such as lecithin (phosphatidylcholine) or cyclodextrin, or preservatives such as parabens.

For parental application, particularly suitable are injectable solutions or suspensions, preferably aqueous solutions with the active compound dissolved in polyhydroxylated castor oil.

Tablet, dragees or capsules having talc and/or a carbohydrate carrier or binder or the like are particularly suitable for oral application. Preferably, carriers for tablets, dragees or capsules include lactose, corn starch and/or potato starch. A syrup or elixir can be used in cases where a sweetened vehicle can be employed.

A typical tablet which may be prepared by conventional tabletting techniques may contain:

Core:

Active ingredient (as free compound or salt thereof)	100 g
Wheat starch	45 g
Maize starch	55 g
Microcrystalline cellulose	12 g
Ethyl cellulose	8 g
Magnesium stearate	5 g

The coating may compose of the following ingredients in varying compositions

Lac
Gelatin
Gum arabic

Sucrose
Titanium dioxide
Beeswax
Carnauba wax
Ethyl vanilin

The compounds of general formula (I) or the compositions thereof are useful for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of disease caused by metabolic disorders such as hyperlipidemia, insulin resistance, leptin resistance, hyperglycemia, obesity, or inflammation.

These compounds are useful for the treatment of hypercholesteremia, familial hypercholesteremia, hypertriglyceridemia, type 2 diabetes, dyslipidemia, disorders related to syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, insulin resistance, coronary heart disease, atherosclerosis, xanthoma, stroke, peripheral vascular diseases and related disorders, diabetic complications, certain renal diseases such as glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome, osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, arteriosclerosis, Xanthoma, pancreatitis and for the treatment of cancer.

The compounds of the invention may be administered to a mammal, especially, a human in need of such treatment, prevention, elimination, alleviation or amelioration of diseases mentioned above.

The compounds of the present invention are effective over a wide dosage range, however, the exact dosage, mode of administration and form of composition depends upon the subject to be treated and is determined by the physician or veterinarian responsible for treating the subject. Generally, dosages from about 0.025 to about 200 mg preferably from about 0.1 to about 100 mg, per day may be used. Generally, the unit dosage form comprises about 0.01 to 100 mg of the compound of formula (I) as an active ingredient together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Usually suitable dosage forms for nasal, oral, transdermal or pulmonary administration comprises from about 0.001 mg to about.100 mg, preferably from 0.01 mg to about 50 mg of the active ingredient mixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

In another aspect of the present invention, method of treatment and/or prevention of the diseases mentioned above are provided.

In a further aspect of the present invention, use of one or more compounds of the general formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, for the preparation of a medicament thereof for the treatment and/or prevention of diseases mentioned in this document is provided.

In still further aspect of the present invention use of the compounds of the present invention alone or in combination with statins, glitazones, biguanides, angiotensin II inhibitors, aspirin, insulin secretagogue, sitosterol inhibitor, sulfonylureas, insulin, fibric acid derivatives, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, cholestipol or probucol, α-glycosidase inhibitors or antioxidants, which may be administered together or within such a period as to act synergistically together.

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